



CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Minutes – Thursday, November 3, 2016

Committee Members: Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAP), David Seglin (CDOT), Mark Pitstick (RTA), President William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Christopher Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)

Staff Present: Doug Ferguson, Jen Maddux, Russell Pietrowiak, Alvaro Villagran, Barbara Zubek

Others Present: Dave Block, Bruce Christensen, John Donovan, Jackie Forbes, Harry Gilmore, Tony Greep, Janell Jensen (via phone), Arnold Kacemearn, Mike Klemens, Kelsey Mulhausen, Tom Rickert, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik, Mike Walczak, Michael Weiser, Shirley Wolfe

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes. Mr. Seglin announced the route for the Cubs' victory parade.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 1, 2016

On a motion by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the September 1, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 Program Monitoring

4.1 Project Programming Status Sheets

Mr. Ferguson reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred projects and the line item changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee were included in the meeting packet. He noted that FFY 2016 was included since staff is currently carrying over projects from 2016 to 2017.

4.2 Programming Summary and Obligation Goal

Mr. Ferguson reported that an update on CMAQ obligations was not included in the meeting packet since staff is currently closing out FFY 2016 and balancing the TIP. He stated that about \$55 million has been obligated in FFY 2016. Mr. Ferguson

noted that staff will recommend an obligation goal for FFY 2017 at the committee's January meeting.

Mr. Snyder asked whether a few large projects have not been obligated, or whether there were many smaller projects. Mr. Patronsky replied that CDOT's "Chicago Area Alternative Fuel Deployment" project holds a large portion of the unobligated balance and noted that he was recently informed by CDOT staff that the project is ready to obligate.

5.0 Project Changes

5.1 City of Evanston – Evanston Main Street Bike Rack Access to Transit Improvements (TIP ID 02-16-0012)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$56,000 federal (\$70,000 total) for construction from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.2 Cook County DOTH – Old Orchard Rd from Harms to Skokie Blvd (new limits E of I-94/Edens Expy to W of IL 41/Skokie Blvd) (TIP ID 02-97-0006)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting transfer of \$1,350,000 federal (\$1,688,000 total) from construction to right of way in FFY 2017. Mr. Snyder asked whether the sponsor anticipates a cost increase request for construction at a later date. A consultant on the project, Mr. Block, replied that the initial estimates for right of way were a great deal under the current estimates and currently available funding will be used to cover the additional expense of right of way. He said construction is anticipated in 2019 and a future cost increase request is possible. On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested transfer of funds was approved.

5.3 Park Forest – Install CNG Facilities in Park Forest and Homewood; Purchase CNG Refuse Haulers (TIP ID 07-14-0010)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$94,000 federal (\$117,400 total) for FFY 2015 implementation accomplished in FFY 2016. On a motion made by Mr. Schmidt and seconded by President Rodeghier, the requested cost increase was approved.

5.4 Kane County – Longmeadow Road Bike Path Extensions (TIP ID 09-96-0017)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$1,400,023 federal (\$1,750,029 total) for construction from FFY 2018 to FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.5 Lake County – US 12/Rand Rd from IL 176 Ramps to Miller Rd (TIP ID 10-16-0004)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$1,836,960 federal (\$2,296,200 total) for construction from FFY 2019 to

FFY 2017. On a motion made by Mr. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Schmidt, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.6 Lake County – Sunset Av/Golf Rd/Greenwood Av from McAree Rd to IL 137/Sheridan Rd (TIP ID 10-16-0005)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$1,428,320 federal (\$1,785,400 total for construction from FFY 2019 to FFY 2018). On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the requested schedule change was approved.

5.7 Frankfort – Pfeiffer Road from Sauk Trail to Old Plank Trail (Pfeiffer Rd Bike Path) (TIP ID 12-13-0007)

Ms. Maddux reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase \$39,500 federal (\$49,300 total) for construction in FFY 2017. On a motion made by President Rodeghier and seconded by Mr. Pitstick, the requested cost increase was approved.

6.0 FAST Act

Mr. Donovan reported that the Federal Aid Highway Program is operating under a continuing resolution. Mr. Donovan reported that FHWA published a final rule for Transportation Asset Management Plans on October 24. He noted that FHWA will be hosting webinars on the rule on November 8 and 9 and that he would forward the registration link to the committee. Mr. Snyder asked if there are any elements of the final rule specific to the state and regional level that should be of particular note. Mr. Donovan replied that he is not familiar with the details yet. Mr. Patronskey asked whether Mr. Schmidt or Mr. Pitstick had further information. Mr. Schmidt replied that the rule allows for more standardization.

Mr. Donovan reported that today FHWA announced a national “Alternative Fuel and Electric Charging” network. He noted that parts of I-80 and I-55 in the CMAP region are “signage-ready”, meaning alternative fuel stations are currently in operation. Mr. Snyder asked if the signs tell you where to get off for an alternative fueling station and Mr. Donovan confirmed.

7.0 2017 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Patronskey reported that the proposed meeting dates for 2017 are in the meeting agenda. Mr. Snyder asked whether an additional meeting is anticipated between April and July since there will be a call for projects this year. Mr. Ferguson replied that an additional meeting will not be held and staff will keep the committee in the loop on the status of the analysis of projects. Mr. Ferguson noted that project change requests for consideration at the January 5 meeting must be submitted by December 9. On a motion made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the proposed meeting schedule was approved. Note: The November 2017 meeting is scheduled for November 2 not November 8, as published in the agenda in error.

8.0 Other Business

Mr. Ferguson reported that the call for projects will open January 6; applications will be due March 3. He continued that staff is working on a change to the application process, in which applications will be submitted online through CMAP's eTIP website. The new process will save time and staff hopes it will be an easier submittal process. Mr. Schmidt asked when the application booklet will be available. Mr. Ferguson responded that a draft booklet is available online and the final version will be published after the Transportation Committee approves its schedule. Mr. Tomzik asked whether the online application will be a one-time submittal or if documents can be added at different times. Mr. Ferguson replied that changes will be able to be made prior to the submittal being saved as final.

9.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10.0 Next Meeting

Mr. Patronskey stated that the committee's next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

On a motion made by Mr. Seglin and seconded by Mr. Snyder, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

CMAQ Project Selection Committee Members:

____ Darwin Burkhart

____ Mark Pitstick

____ Chris Schmidt

____ Luann Hamilton

____ Jeffery Schielke

____ Chris Snyder

____ Ross Patronskey, Chair